

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Dr. Dean's Good Work

President Dean in withdrawing from the food commission to devote his undivided attention to the College of Hawaii, is carrying out a program of public service that is especially urged by the leaders of the nation. He has done the hard work of organizing the commission detail, he has brought order out of chaos, and now turns to making the college a still more potent factor in training Hawaii's quota for the army needed after the war.

After recovering from the first hysteria of the war in its relation to educational institutions, government officers have made a particular point of urging the colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts to greater activity. No closed doors for these colleges. Not only during the war but more especially in the period of rehabilitation after the war, the world will need every trained engineer available. And it will need the trained agriculturalists, the scientists and the women schooled in the various branches covered by the general term, domestic economy. The call will be for men and women with the educational foundation gained in the colleges of which our own institution is an excellent type.

Young men and young women of Hawaii to be of real value to themselves and the country must have the technical equipment of advanced courses in engineering and science. They can find no better opportunity than right here in Hawaii. This is true despite the fact that we still have among us relics of the siltarian age who question the value of this college and even a college education.

In a special sense the faculty of the college of Hawaii returning to their work for the coming year are answering a national call to the colors. The same may be said of the students planning to enter and others returning to their classes.

The country, the world indeed, cries out for men and women who know how, who can apply science, who will be capable of tackling intelligently the physical reconstruction that will be the great task of the next generation.

Graduates of the College of Hawaii are without exception in the ranks of the producers, in the first line of support so to speak. One graduate of last year in the course in engineering left immediately to take a place in the engineering corps of the army. He with others are found where they are best able to serve.

The whole faculty and student body of the college are today engaged in definite service for the country, that deserves their undivided attention, always remembering that the nationally endowed college of agriculture and mechanic arts is and should be the medium of community service as necessity demands and opportunity is presented.

Precedent was smashed again by Premier Lloyd George in the selection of Sir Eric Geddes as first lord of the admiralty, as heretofore it had been required that a minister must be a member of parliament—which Sir Eric is not and declines to try to be. Yet the choice is said in a London despatch to be "the most popular of the changes" in the war ministry recently announced. Sir Eric is English born but he received his training as engineer in the Homestead works at Pittsburgh and with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, going back to England where he achieved a fine reputation in railroad construction. He impressed Lord Kitchener with his ability in handling transportation problems early in the war, and he has since been director-general of the munitions supply. "Precedent" has been regarded as the main ingredient of the British constitution; yet it seems to be easier dispensed with there, when public welfare demands, than some foolish laws of Hawaii here.

Strange indeed is the way some public officials feel they can divide their time and still serve the public. It recalls the side issues of a number of public officials not forgetting the printing committee clerk of the legislature who acted as guide, counselor and friend for certain country members in visiting the slums of the town.

Laws now being passed by Congress for the management of the war are merely a form of expression that this is our country and everything we have is and should be available for its necessities.

The horrible example of the Farm herd ought to put an end to dairy herds in residential sections of the town.

The City Engineer

Just one problem is presented in the selection of the city engineer—a man with the brain and training to handle the work, a capable manager.

That is the point on which public attention is centered and that is where it will hold just as long as good roads are an issue in this city and county.

Roads and road management, the whole city administration in fact, is out in the open because the people are alert to what is going on. The amount of money to be expended and the share to be derived from increased taxation are sufficient to arouse the selfish interest of every taxpayer to see that the money is handled with reasonable care.

There is not a member of the board of supervisors who was elected on the basis of his partisanship. Not a member was given the license or the suggestion from even the party with which he may have been associated, to turn the business of the city into a grab game.

Waste of time at this juncture in a petty game of personal, partisan or factional politics is deserving the most intensive and effective condemnation that a war crisis can bestow.

Loyal citizens of Honolulu demand efficiency and sound business management in the city administration. They want no supposed public servants who divide their time with private enterprises, and they insist that the men selected to carry forward the big projects of the city shall be of a type and experience that sizes up to the magnitude of the task.

If there are any number of little men engaged in directing public business, this is the time when they will be discovered and they will shine before the public stripped to the buff of their true character. The day of tricks and subterfuges has gone. It will not come again during the active days of this generation.

"Not alone on the battlefronts have the Irish more than earned home rule," says the Albany Argus, "but in the crop fields as well. According to Mr. O'Connor, there are 700,000 more acres under cultivation in Ireland than there were in 1914, while the increase in England has been only 200,000 acres. As the province of Ulster is devoted more to manufactures than to agriculture, it follows that this big lift to the British cause has been made mainly by the Irish of other provinces, who are a unit for home rule."

Tricks of the "con" fraternity travel fast, and it might be well for the authorities here to be on the lookout against a grafting game reported to have appeared in New York. This is the fleeing of aliens registered for the selective draft out of fees to secure their exemption. One alien who paid \$150 for this purpose to a grafter, when told he had been foolish, replied: "Oh, no. The man is a big politician and he has got other men exempted."

On the occasion of a visit of Highlander troops from Canada to Brooklyn recently, the funny man of the Standard Union suggested that the reception committee make arrangements to have the killed legs screened. This was not for the same reason as that for which a Honolulu policeman once censored a Scotch tourist's extremities, but on account of the mosquitoes in Prospect park.

When the war orders put a new wrinkle in your plans, don't whine about it. Just give your belt another hitch and work a little harder. It is your war that is being fought and its your country must win.

Are the businessmen of the city so busy with their own affairs that they have no time for thinking about how the million dollars of road money will be spent?

Charles Edward Russell just returned from Russia will be a good man to have a few moments with Senator La Follette and his band of national enemies.

These are days when men in public office are tried as by fire. And those who show themselves to be little, piffling, politics men are sure to be fired.

None of the members of the Queen's Hospital committees gain anything for the institution by giving insulting replies to plain questions.

Again we are reminded that for the greatest comfort during the summer months in the year one must live in Hawaii.

MAJORITY WON'T HAVE WILSON AS CITY ENGINEER

Republicans Make Plain They Want Efficient Man to Direct Road Work

A direct slap at the office-seeking Democrats was given by Supervisor E. A. Mott-Smith Tuesday evening at the meeting of the board of supervisors. The evening also brought out that the five Republicans are solid for the best man for the position of assistant city engineer.

The discussion arose over the ordinance creating the position of assistant city and county engineer and giving him all the powers vested in the city and county engineer during absence of the latter. On the vote it passed second reading five to two with Supervisors McClellan and Petrie voting against it.

Mr. Petrie called for an explanation from Chairman Arnold.

"Engineer Collins is about to resign," said Mr. Arnold, "and we must have at the head of the department an engineer who is thoroughly familiar with the policies of the board and will be able to carry on the frontage improvement work without loss of time or money. To put a new man in the position of city and county engineer will mean that the work, which we have built up during the last two years, will have to be done all over again and the people pay for the experience. The majority of the board does not believe that John Wilson is the man for the place and until the best man is selected we must have a head, therefore this ordinance is introduced. In the engineering department there are several men who are competent to carry on the work and one of them Mr. Collins will appoint. This ordinance does not mean that a city and county engineer will not be appointed for I assure you that one will be but not until the board knows that he is the best man."

Supervisor Petrie then accused the Democrats of introducing an ordinance to prevent Mayor Fern from appointing an engineer. He pointed out the refusal of the board to take up the appointment of the mayor as evidence of this.

In reply to this Supervisor Mott-Smith said: "The sooner we drop our political tags that much sooner will we have an efficient government. Some of us are new on the board and for that reason the whole board agreed to pass the appropriation bill for only three months in order that everybody might have an opportunity to study the situation and decide on the efficiency of the men who are now holding office. In the meantime no changes were to have been made."

"Mayor Fern's first address to the board shows that he is after the same thing we are—a good, efficient management of public business. His second message—the appointments—was somewhat inconsistent with the first, but I believe that his true feelings are embodied in the first, and the second is the necessity of his position."

Mr. Mott-Smith then quoted considerably from Mayor Fern's inaugural address which clearly states that in just such a case as is now before the board in the appointment of a man to carry on the road work, he wanted only the best men to be selected regardless of party affiliations.

"If there is to be any change for political reasons or because of friendship or rewards, I wish to state right here that I shall be strongly opposed to it," Mr. Mott-Smith added.

Mr. Petrie answered by declaring that he and Mr. McClellan had been disregarded since the first meeting. He also said that the board had ignored the mayor.

"Undoubtedly there should be an assistant to take Collins' place as it will not be easy to select the best engineer and we cannot have the work stopped," said Supervisor Belina.

TWIGG SMITH LEAVES TO JOIN BATTALION OF ARTISTS AT FRONT

Sketches of scenes on the European battle fronts have been promised Honoluluans by Twigg Smith, the young artist whose works have been exhibited here, who left Honolulu this noon on the Maui. He will join a battalion of artists in New York who will go to France to assist in the work of disguising prominent constructions on the landscape so that they cannot be seen by the enemy.

Mr. Smith has lived in Honolulu for some time and much of his work has been done here. During a recent exhibit of the work of local artists, in the Pan-Pacific building, the works of Mr. Smith were shown.

PINEAPPLE ON BOARD NIAGARA SELLS FOR \$300

Hawaii Fruit is Auctioned Off for Canadian Red Cross War Benefit

By RILEY H. ALLEN
ABOARD C.A. S. S. NIAGARA. At Sea, July 26.—The highest price on record for a Hawaiian pineapple was paid on the Niagara last night—60 pounds and a fraction, over \$300, and it wasn't much of a pineapple at that, as Honoluluans know that fruit.

It was a small and scrubby specimen, but it sold for over \$300. In money of English, American, Canadian and Australian denominations. The record-breaking pineapple was sold at auction for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross. The auction was the central event of a benefit on the last night out of the Niagara. R. A. Macfie, who many years ago was manager of Kilauea and who is still largely interested there, was the energetic and efficient auctioneer.

"Uncle Robert" Lewers started the bidding at \$10 and it ran up swiftly at a pace that would have made Hawaii's pineapple men, Jim Dole et al., sit up and take notice. If Hawaii's pineapple crop for 1917 were to sell at the rate this single fruit brought, it would make the profit on 7-cent sugar look like a plugged nickel, and leave enough over to pave Beretania street.

The "Honolulu bunch" on board made a pot after individual bids were in, and kept the ball rolling. Suva came back with another pot and Suva's splendid young men on their way to the front finally carried off the trophy, decorated with American and British flags.

Honoluluans figured largely in the shipboard festivities on the way up. Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Cooper's two sons and the Vetlesen boys, Harvey Murray, Jr., and others were among the juvenile prize winners in deck sports. Walter Vetlesen gave a much-enjoyed ukulele number on the concert program. Another Hawaii number was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Coe, who have been spending their honeymoon in Hawaii and are now returning to their home in Seattle. They gave a fine Hawaiian guitar selection.

During the past two years Niagara passengers have contributed nearly \$20,000 for patriotic purposes. The concert last night added materially to this.

Dr. and Mrs. George Herbert, Mr. Charles Herbert and Mrs. Helen Noonan, who made up a Honolulu party, will tour Vancouver island by motor and later motor down the coast highways to California, returning by way of San Francisco. Mr. Vetlesen and his sons will get some fishing on Vancouver island and the boys will then be placed in Hitchcock Military Academy, San Rafael, Cal. Mrs. Murray and Harvey, Jr., will visit Dr. Murray prior to his departure for war duty in Europe.

KING ON VISIT TO FRONT SEES MUCH TO INTEREST HIM

LONDON, Eng.—The latter period of King George's visit to France was as full and interesting as were the first days some details of which were cabled yesterday. A demonstration of the tanks and their antics was arranged and elicited much wonderment. The king was next introduced to some specimens of frightfulness, which included flame projectors of far greater power than those of the Germans, also boiling oil projectors and an emission of gas was also loosed for him to see.

An aerodrome was next visited, then an inspection of the Portuguese troops was followed by luncheon with the king and queen of the Belgians at which Queen Mary was also present. A review of some African labor contingents with Sir Douglas Haig was followed by a meeting with President Poincare when the enthusiasm of the French residents of the town, with whom were mingled large numbers of British troops, was intense and impartial to both king and president.

On the following day the king visited Vimy Ridge, where Gen. Sir Henry Horne, commander of the famous First Army, personally conducted King George and explained the various details of the unrivaled feat of the British armies in capturing the position. The king's return to the coast by motorcar was marked by many stirring incidents of enthusiastic cheering by countless khaki-clad figures, which seemed literally to spring from the earth as the car spun along its way.

Five men were killed as they alighted from one train and stepped in front of another train on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie passenger train at Youngstown.

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We are the whelps of the devil
And boldly we follow his creed,
Our mission is solely destructive,
How true rings our acts to the breed.

We lurk alone in the tempest,
And hide 'neath the crest of the wave,
We mimic in satanic laughter,
As we suck our brave foes to the grave.

To hell with civilization,
Damnation to mercy and love;
Up, up with the satanic banner,
Down with our God that's above.

Our drink is the viper's venom,
Our bread the essence of hate,
Our lives swell the path of destruction,
We yearn not for the love of a mate.

We live the lives of the hunted
And shun the haunts of men,
Our bloody hands point forth to the future,
We glory in the past that has been.

We treasure the shriek of our victims,
As they gasp for their lives in the sea,
We bid them farewell to their death-bed,
We care not whom they may be.

Many bones lie bleaching below us,
They have found rest at last on the sand,
Victims to a cause of destruction,
Masked in the garb of a civilized land.

How long shall we hold forth in our violence,
And revel in innocent blood,
Can there be such a thing as rearm-rection
Or the scourge of a redeeming flood?

But are we not the whelps of the devil,
The swift death that strikes unseen,
Do we not rule the ocean,
For we run the submarine.

FAR MLOAN TOTAL IS \$800,000 DAILY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Five per cent loans to farmers under the federal farm loan system are being approved by the federal board here at the rate of \$800,000 a day, the board recently announced.

With more than \$100,000,000 affected by applications for loans that are still awaiting issuance of charters to the organizations of which the borrowers will be the members, the board, up to the close of business July 15, had chartered 432 farm loan associations whose loans aggregate \$20,689,337.

These associations have an average membership of eighteen farmers each, the average loan to the individual farmer being \$3250.

Colorado is the fourth state in the Union in amount of federal farm loans made through the federal land banks to date, the states ranking as follows:

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3. Oklahoma\$1,448,375.00
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PERSONALITIES

D. W. DRISCOLL, of Paia, Maui, is in Honolulu with his daughter.

JASON ANDRADE, secretary-treasurer of Silva's Toggery, will leave Honolulu next week for a short vacation.

ATTORNEY LIDGATE, manager of the Hamakua Mill Co., Paauilo, Hawaii, is in Honolulu on a brief business trip.

H. L. HOLSTEIN, speaker of the house of representatives of the legislature, is in Honolulu from his home in Kahala. He is on a short business trip.

MISS BERNICE HUNDLEY of the department of public instruction, and her father, S. N. Hundley, returned to Honolulu from Hilo on the Mauna Kea yesterday.

FORD BARCUS, salesman for Silva's Toggery who felt that he would be compelled to leave the islands when the Washington state guard, of which he has long been a member,

was mobilized a short time ago, has made arrangements to stay here. He will enter some other line of service here if he is called by the government.

JOHN HIND, president and manager of the Hawi Mill & Plantation Co., is now in Honolulu. He arrived here from Hawaii on Tuesday in the Mauna Kea.

ERNEST T. CHASE of Punahou academy has returned to his office after having spent a part of his vacation on Maui. He is arranging the work for the opening of school the first part of September.

RALPH DOTY of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' experiment station, is leading a party on a trip through the Haleakala crater which will leave Honolulu some time this week. Among others in the party will be L. A. Hencke, E. R. Cameron, Miss Tubbs, Miss Alice Hopper, Ernest Peterson, and Ray Baird.

The French government has established at Cellalao a complete agricultural school, where wounded soldiers are taught to become up-to-date farmers in spite of their disabilities.

LETTERS

Honolulu, August 7, 1917.

Editor Star-Bulletin:

There have been numerous articles in the papers lately about the water at Kaimuki. Kindly allow me to put another phase on the question.

A few weeks ago we noticed in the papers that the irrigation hours had been changed (whether officially or not I do not know), from 7 a. m. to 9 a. m., and my wife changed the irrigating the garden accordingly.

A few days ago an individual who claims to represent the Honolulu Water Works called at the house about 8:50 a. m. and told the wife she was using water out of hours. What are the proper hours of irrigation, from 6 to 8 a. m. or from 7 to 9 a. m.?

Last winter during the heavy rains I noticed a Japanese neighbor of ours always had his lawn sprinkler going. No matter whether it was rain or shine. Finally, out of curiosity, I asked him why he irrigated in the rain. His reply was, "I pay for water, I use him—rain no plitika." I think Mr. Murray will find more waste among the Orientals than the haoles.

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